

Burma

Attitude of Some US Engineers

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1. "One of the strong impressions I gained on my last trip to Burma was a feeling of resentment about many of the US engineers who were employed in Burma to assist in the economic development of the country.
2. While I found the head men very conscientious and doing a very good job, three of the younger engineers during my first day in Burma independently told me that the contract with their employer would be renewed and that Burma could not get along without them. They had, quite evidently, spread this opinion outside of their own group. There has been too much talking. Both my wife and I were aware of the resentment caused by the tactlessness of many of the US engineers. I frankly did not like this attitude and feared it might imperil future relationships. The US engineers are occupying good Burmese houses and have more servants than would be possible in the US. I felt this caused some resentment.
3. Every Burmese official I met was very courteous and cooperative. I was always sympathetic and not critical except when I was asked for an opinion and in those cases only voiced a criticism when it was constructive.

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